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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Appearance of the Director Before the CIA Subcommittee
of House Appropriations

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations for an hour and a half beginning at 9:30 a.m. Present from the Subcommittee were:

George H. Mahon, Chairman
Frank T. Bow
Glenard P. Lipscomb

Present from the staff: Robert Michaels.

Accompanying the Director were [redacted] and John S. Warner. No transcript was taken. There was a sweep of the room prior to the hearing.

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2. Mr. Helms opened the meeting by stating that in his first appearance before the Subcommittee as Director he wished to assure the Subcommittee that he desired in every way possible to be of help to them and would be available to them if needed.

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9. In response to a question from Mr. Bow, the Director stated it is a fact that the Viet Cong utilize Cambodia territory for rest and rehabilitation and for regrouping.

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11. In connection with Indonesia there was some discussion about its future. Mr. Mahon was particularly interested because of Texas cotton and possible exports. The Director indicated that economic problems in Indonesia are staggering and these cannot be solved in the near future. (Mr. Helms has requested DDI to pull together some additional material on the economic situation and imports for Mr. Mahon.)

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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